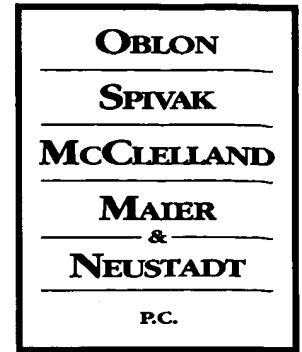




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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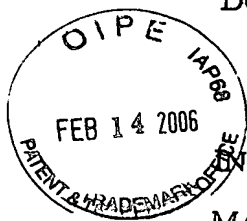
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I, Masahito Obata, declare:

1. I am the sole inventor of the invention disclosed in the above-identified application, U.S. application serial No. 09/809,302.

2. I am the co-inventor of the invention disclosed in U.S. patent 6,233,000.

3. I am an inventor of the subject matter commonly disclosed in U.S. patent 6,233,000 that is common to U.S. application serial No. 09/892,302.

4. The undersigned petitioner declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

5. Further deponent saith not.

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